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For : CARBON BLACK COATED WITH AN ALUMINOUS
LAYER AND PROCESS FOR OBTAINING SAME

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, applicants respectfully request that
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document is enclosed.

1. U.S. Application Serial No. 09/580,279, filed May 30, 2000, of
Custodero, E., "Rubber composition for tires, reinforced with a carbon black coated with

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an aluminous layer and process for obtaining the same."

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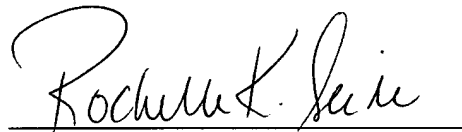
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Respectfully submitted,

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